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going to get jobs as prison guards in this facility?

SENATOR AGUILAR: We certainly hope so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They'll be...they'll work as prison guards in the facility, the county board members?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Excuse me, I'm talking about existing correction workers that are there now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I'm asking you are the county board members contemplating becoming guards in this jail?

SENATOR AGUILAR: No, they don't need to because they are already corrections board members and they will be there and have oversight on occasion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there a guarantee that all the people who currently work for the jail will continue to work there when this private operation takes over?

SENATOR AGUILAR: There's no such guarantee, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When this operation takes over, it could bring in its own employees from wherever it chose. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's certainly a possibility, but I don't think that would be financially feasible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only thing that causes you in Hall County to want this bill is based on financial considerations. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That is the driving factor, but we've also done investigation and visited such facilities and we see nothing wrong with the way...if you have the right company running it, there's nothing wrong with the way they run it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Isn't it true that a person who set the county up with this outfit who is really in the front running